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TRAGIC DEATHS AT WADSWORTH

Two Lives Sacrificed Under Circumstances Most Distressing

ONE KILLED BY AUTO;
OTHER BURNED TO DEATH

Driver of Vehicle That Killed
Lad, Exonerated From
All Blame by
Witnesses

Two persons met death in Wadsworth this week under unusually harrowing circumstances, one occurring on Monday when Harold Kindig, 9-year-old son of Mrs. Clara Kindig, was almost instantly killed by an automobile driven by A. Halderman of Seville; the other taking place early on Tuesday morning, when F. D. Humbers of Lorain was burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed a box car in which he lived on a siding east of the village. Humbers was head of the commissary gang on the Erie railroad.

The accident to young Kindig happened about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Eye witnesses absolved the driver of the auto of all blame. They stated that Halderman was not speeding but was driving slowly and that the boy stepped in the path of the machine.

Harold and his brother, Wade, had been riding the Reichert coal wagon, it is said. They jumped off and crossed the street to the sidewalk. They returned across the street and were walking behind the coal wagon when the auto approached, it is stated. When the auto was only a few yards away, Harold stepped out from behind the coal wagon and was struck by the bumper of the auto and knocked to the pavement.

The boy was rushed to Wadsworth Municipal hospital where it was learned that his skull had been fractured. He died a few moments after arriving at the hospital.

The boy is survived by his mother, two brothers, one of whom lives in Akron, and two sisters, Eileen Kindig and Mrs. Merle Koppes.

Humbers, who was burned to death, had been in a picture show the night before, returning to his car about 11:30. It is believed he fired up and failed to set the stove before retiring, which became overheated and set the car afire while he slept.

Included in the loss of the railroad company was several thousand dollars worth of clothing and foodstuffs.

The body was so badly burned that but a few bones and ashes could be found of the remains.

RECEIVER SELECTED FOR GEIGER-JONES CO.

The Geiger-Jones Co., industrial financing corporation of Canton, whose operations extend throughout Ohio, West Virginia and several points in New York state, and many whose securities are held in Medina county, was placed in the hands of receivers in Cleveland, Saturday, by Federal Judge D. C. Westenhaver.

The petition asked that the court appoint receivers to undertake complete jurisdiction of the corporation's business, declaring that unless the assets of the company are thus protected from certain creditors, the securities of the company will be forced at once upon a declining market.

The company, according to the petition, is faced with a demand for payment within sixty or ninety days of approximately \$970,000 in promissory notes. Efforts to have time on these notes extended have failed and it is recited, unless these demands are forestalled, the company's collateral securities, largely of the industrial type, will be forced on the market with an estimated loss to the concern of \$135,000.

The assets, both current and permanent, along with investments in other companies, are \$1,500,000 in excess of liabilities, the petition says.

The corporation, it is stated, is solvent and able to pay all its creditors "provided the assets are properly protected at this time."

NOVEMBER RECORD OF DEATHS AND BIRTHS

During November, 28 deaths and 87 births were registered from Medina county, distributed as follows:

Lodi—3 deaths, 5 births; Medina—8 deaths, 2 births; Seville—1 death, 1 birth; Spencer—1 birth; Wadsworth—2 deaths, 5 births; Brunswick—3 births; Chatham—1 death; Granger—3 deaths, 1 birth; Guilford—1 death, 1 birth; Harrisville—6 births; Hinckley—1 death; Homer—No report received; Lafayette—1 death, 2 births; Litchfield—9 deaths, 1 birth; Liverpool—No report received; Medina—2 births; Montville—No deaths or births; Sharon—2 deaths; Spencer—1 death, 2 births; Wadsworth—1 death, 1 birth; Westfield—4 births; York—No deaths or births.

Causes of death—Accidental 1, appendicitis 1, apoplexy 2, asthma 1, disease of blood vessels 2, bowel obstruction 1, cancer 4, diabetes mellitus 1, heart disease (all forms) 5, malnutrition 1, pelvic abscess 1, pneumonia 2, strangulated hernia 1.

WOMAN BOUND OVER FOR ATTEMPTED ARSON

Mrs. W. Z. Willis of Wadsworth was bound over to the grand jury by Justice of Peace Hancock last week to answer to the charge of having attempted to fire the dwelling owned by Tony Uwany, but occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Suchleg. This dwelling narrowly escaped being burned about two weeks ago, when a basket of oil-saturated kindling was found burning against the side of the house. The fire was discovered in time to prevent serious damage to the house.

Before and since the fire the Suchlegs found threatening and obscene letters on their porch, and these were turned over to the authorities. For several nights Marshal Tom Lucas and Special Officer Al Mohn kept watch on the Suchleg home, but were unrewarded until one night last week when they saw a woman approach the house and step on the porch. Alarmed by a sound the woman attempted to hurry away, but was overtaken by the officers and placed under arrest. She was taken before Wadsworth's mayor, where she refused to admit or deny the charge laid against her.

Later she was taken before Justice Hancock who bound her over to the grand jury under a bond of \$1,000, which was furnished by her two sons.

KIWANIANS CELEBRATE PAVING COMPLETION

Kiwanis club members and guests to the number of about eighty enjoyed a dinner at the Baptist church dining room Wednesday night, given by the club in celebration of the completion of the North Court street paving. The guests of honor were Contractors Meller and Weidner, who had charge of the paving work, and the occasion was made one of thanksgiving to the contractors for the energy and speed they exerted to complete the paving work this year.

W. C. Smith, in behalf of the club, thanked the contractors and praised them for their good work. Both Mr. Meller and Mr. Weidner responded to Mr. Smith's generous words.

The speaker of the evening was C. H. Duncan, secretary of the Ohio Contractors' association. Mr. Duncan was for seven years connected with the State Highway Commission, is thoroughly conversant with the road situation of the state, and held the interest of his listeners for nearly two hours. He made many startling statements, one of which was that about \$4,500,000 was expended the past year in Ohio for motor vehicles and equipment, while only about \$4,000,000 was expended on the roads over which these vehicles run.

STAR ATTRACTION AT KIWANIS MEETING

An entertainment unique and in every way enjoyable was given last Friday evening in the auditorium of the Church of Christ, by Frank G. Hard, a Medina man, who is associated with the Standard Film Service Co. of Cleveland.

The entertainment, which followed a dinner served in the basement of the church to an hundred or more Kiwanians and their wives, consisted of an exposition of several new films put out by Mr. Hard's company, and an explanation by him of many details entering into the manufacture of movie films, which were at once both interesting and informative.

Among the many film scenes exhibited by Mr. Hard was a Western drama, futuristic in a way, a gun being in evidence but once during the most thrilling action. Two new comedies, a short film showing objects in their natural colors, and two Biblical scenes were of exceptional interest, particularly the latter two, one of which depicted the story of creation as recorded in the first chapters of Genesis, the other the story of Noah, the ark and flood. These two films consumed the greater part of several years in the making, said Mr. Hard, at an expense of more than \$100,000, and are only the first of a series of similar sacred pictures being made dealing with history as recorded in the Old Testament.

TWO SPLENDID BANQUETS

On Monday evening Spencer Y. M. C. A. held their annual Father and Son banquet. Despite the fact that the ladies had prepared for a large number, the preparations were taxed to the limit. The Y. M. C. A. boys orchestra, scheduled to play for the event, was delayed by tire trouble, but arrived in time to finish some very much appreciated music during the repast.

Toasts were given by Walter Rowe, Dan Root, Lloyd Lechleitner and Rev. Poulson, Mr. Waters acting as toastmaster. Some male quartet numbers which were most enjoyable were rendered by the Spencer male quartet. The address of the evening was given by N. H. Flickinger of Lodi.

Last Friday evening the Community Father and Son banquet of Leroy was staged. The large dining room of the auditorium building was packed full of men and boys. The music during the dinner, furnished by the boys orchestra was much enjoyed. Some very lusty yells of appreciation were led by the cheer leaders. After some excellent local toasts by Blake Patterson, Supt. Howe, Edwin Howe, D. S. Reynolds and E. W. Barnes, the address of the evening was given by Prof. Bruce Baxter of Alliance. His subject was "Come Up Out of the Crowd."

HELP MAKE THE LOCAL CHRISTMAS

Do you know of a needy family, or a little boy or girl, or an old man or old lady who are not going to have a merry Christmas unless some one lends to their Christmas cheer? If so, will you at once report their names either to N. S. Kellogg or Miss Minnie Wells?

If you have any children's clothing, stockings or overcoats, ages from one to fifteen years, that you can spare, will you send it to the Sylvester Library before Saturday noon, December 24? It will there be assorted and made part of the Christmas packages to be sent to a number of needy families in this community.

The King's Daughters, W. C. T. U., Red Cross, American Legion, Kiwanis Club and Medina Civic Organization, are looking after this good work through a central committee.

CONCERT FRIDAY BY COUNTY BOYS' BAND

On Friday night of this week the Medina County Boys' Band gives its Medina village concert. The program will be rendered in the Congregational church, beginning at 8:15.

Although this is purely a juvenile organization and only six months old, the band has been giving concerts for the past month, their initial performance being a few numbers at the Medina County Fair in September. There are now forty-two members in the band. They represent Granger, Sharon, Brunswick, Medina, Montville, Litchfield, York, Lafayette and Westfield townships. The band is truly representative of Medina County, open to any boy over twelve years of age and is primarily educational in character.

Other dates already booked by the band are as follows: Granger High school on Dec. 23, Litchfield town hall on Jan. 12, Cleveland West Y. M. C. A. January 20, Brunswick town hall March 8. The proceeds from these concerts go into a fund for the purchase of uniforms, instruments and music. After the first year of its existence this band is expected to be self supporting. None of the band members receive remuneration for their work. The band like all other Y. M. C. A. organizations is on a "service basis" and the members gladly give their time and best efforts for the experience and training.

The program for Friday night is as follows:

March—Melrose Southwell
The Boy Scouts Southwell
Waltz—Firelight Fancies Rosenkranz
Saxophone Solo—Birds of Spring Sullivan

David Hurlbaeus
Overture—Rustling Leaves Jenkins
Trombone Solo—Non e Ver Marti

Serenade—Moonlight Southwell
Tenor Solo—The Sword of Ferrara Bullard

(The tale of an old Spanish sword)
Grand March—Freedom Jenkins

Saxophone Quartet—Fraternity March Barnard

Selection—The Twilight Hour Meyers

Specialty—Drummer's Delight Ripley

Richard Warner and George Spangler

March—Our Director Bigelow

Star Spangled Banner Key

The accompanist for the solo numbers is Miss Helen Dorn.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL ESCAPE TAX

American Legion members were informed last Friday that henceforth they will not be required to charge any tax on any amusements that they might give. With standing present conditions the extra added expense for amusements was a burden, inasmuch as it brot tickets up to a higher rate than some people cared to pay.

The bill reads as follows:

"At the instant requests from thousands of Legion Posts throughout the country the national legislative committee has secured a clause in the act to reduce and equalize taxation, and to amend and simplify the revenue, an act of 1918, approved by the president on Nov. 23, 1921, reading as follows: No taxes shall be levied under this title in respect to any admission, all the proceeds of which are exclusively to the benefit of religious, educational or charitable institutions, societies or organizations, any post of the American Legion of the Women's auxiliary units thereof. . . if no part of the net earnings thereof ensures to the benefit of any individual or stockholder."

The above amendment to the revenue act becomes effective January 1, 1922.

S. S. CONFERENCE A SUCCESSFUL ONE

While the attendance at the Sunday School Workers' Conference at the Baptist church in Medina last Saturday was not as large as expected, there was a very satisfactory gathering, and the program as published in the Sentinel last week in the main was carried out.

The conference was the first of a series of institutes to be held under the auspices of the County S. S. association, and was under the direction of Mrs. Mary Logan of Medina.

A feature of the conference was a demonstration with twenty beginners under the personal direction of Mrs. Neil Kellogg, also an exhibit of supplies covering the various departments of children's work.

—Mrs. Emma Martin, 34, sister of Mrs. E. T. Lieblein, died on Tuesday of this week at the Cleveland State hospital. Funeral services will be held on Friday at the home of Mrs. J. W. Parker in Berea.

KNIGHT, RILED AT LOAFING CHARGE, THROWS BACK DEFENSE

Representative C. L. Knight of the Fourteenth congressional district issues a statement in answer to the publication of his record on absenteeism in the special session of congress just closed. A summary of Knight's voting and attendance record as gleaned from the congressional record and published in the Akron Times of December 4 and the Medina Sentinel of Dec. 8, shows that he was absent from 81 out of 119 official roll calls and from 43 out of 73 quorum calls. His general average of attendance and voting in the session is placed at about 33 per cent, according to the congressional record.

Knight's statement recites that congress is notorious for "killing time" and that the real business of the body is not done upon the floor of the house, says the Times. He discounts the importance of regular attendance and voting and denounces certain references to his failure to vote on given measures as "plain lying."

"For instance," says his statement, "among the mass of misinformation sent out by someone is the statement that I did not vote on the emergency tariff bill, the budget bill and the immigration bill. The record will show that I voted on all three measures."

The "record" referred to in the statement is evidently is not the Congressional Record, which shows that Knight did not vote on any of the three measures mentioned, the Times states.

The Congressional Record shows Knight's voting record on the emergency tariff bill as follows:

April 15, motion to recommit, (page 274) not voting.

April 15, passed, (page 275) not voting.

May 13, resolution securing a prompt consideration out of order for emergency tariff bill, (page 1414) not voting.

May 23, on passage as reported from conference, (page 1,644), not voting.

October 18, bill continuing operation of emergency tariff act until February 1, 1922, (page 7,215) for

The Congressional Record shows

Knight's record on the budget bill as follows:

May 5, motion to recommit (page 1,044), not voting.

May 5, on final passage, (page 1,044) not voting.

May 27, on passage as reported from conference, (page 1,867) not voting.

On the first two votes on the budget bill Knight had what is known in congressional parlance as a "general pair" with another member. Under this arrangement a congressman expecting to be absent on a roll call agrees with a member on the opposite side, who is also expecting to be absent, to withhold their votes. Under this arrangement the members lose their votes for all practical purposes and are enabled to conceal their positions on the question at issue.

On the immigration bill the Congressional Record shows Knight's record as follows:

May 13, on passage as reported from conference (page 1,422) not voting.

Among the other important measures on which Knight failed to vote, the Congressional Record shows the following:

Bill to establish veterans' bureau. Resolution terminating war with Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Railroad refunding bill involving advance of \$300,000,000 to the railroads.

Bill taxing grain futures.

Congressional reapportionment bill increasing Ohio's quota in the house by three members.

Foreign debt refunding bill.

Federal good roads bill involving \$90,000,000 federal expenditure and allocating \$3,000,000 to Ohio.

Bill appropriating \$4,000,000 for Alaska railroad.

Knight throws a bombastic deft at critics of his record, states the Times, and says: "I have missed a good many roll calls. I am going to miss a good many more as long as the house continues to waste its time on this pleasing diversion. I have been absent some. I am going to be absent some more. I refuse to join the time clock division."

OBSEQUIES FOR LATE JOHN W. TUTTLE

The sudden death of John W. Tuttle on Thursday morning of last week brief mention of which appeared in the Sentinel which was going to press at the hour of his demise, both shocked and saddened this community where he was well-known as one of the village's prominent business men and loyal citizens.

When Mr. Tuttle left his home about 10 o'clock Thursday morning he was apparently in his usual health and was expecting to take the next interurban car for the city. He first went to his place of business and upon entering the store complained to Mr. Snyder, his assistant, of feeling ill. He grew worse so rapidly that a physician was summoned, the latter administering a heart stimulant, then conveyed him to his home. He expired soon after being placed in bed.

Mr. Tuttle had been afflicted with heart trouble for some years. His death is said to have been the direct result of acute indigestion, causing a pressure against the heart which that weakened organ could not resist.

The deceased was born at Huron, O., July 8, 1874, but resided in Fremont, O., later in Cleveland, before coming to Medina about twenty years ago, to enter the employ of the McDowell drug store. When the latter store was discontinued, Mr. Tuttle purchased the stock of goods and removed it to South Court street, where he had since continued in business, and had prospered.

Mr. Tuttle was a man of quiet demeanor, the affable of manner, and strong in his friendships, and he conducted his business with care and integrity. He was known to be deeply attached to his home and family, which consists of a widow, formerly Miss Della Canavan, and two sons, John, 17 and Robert, 9. So far as known he has no other surviving relatives, his only brother having died a few years ago.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, from the home, conducted by Rev. Wm. J. Drew of the Congregational church, and interment made in Spring Grove cemetery. Business places in the village were closed during the obsequies as a mark of respect for the deceased.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE FRIDAY AT WEYMOUTH

A large attendance is expected at the Medina township Farmers' Institute, which opens at Weymouth tonight, Thursday, and will continue thru Friday. The session on the latter day will contain addresses by R. H. Halderman, Brant Early, Mr. McIntire on "Fertility of the Soil," with discussion led by Adam Leister. In the afternoon A. G. Abbott will speak on "The Modern Dairy," discussion led by Grant Chidsey, president Medina County Jersey Cattle club; also Mr. McIntire on "How to Succeed with Live Stock," discussion led by Clair Miller, president Medina Holstein club.

BARTHOLOMAW - BROOKER

A charming home wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bartholomaw, corner of Liberty and Huntington streets, when their daughter, Miss Katherine, became the wife of Mr. T. D. Brooker of Cleveland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. J. Drew of the Congregational church, in the presence, only of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. A wedding supper was served, following which the bride and groom left for a honeymoon trip to New York city and other eastern points. The bride, who was educated in Medina and is one of the village's popular and esteemed young ladies, has the best wishes of her many friends that her married life may be a happy one.

JERSEY CLUB MEET

The annual meeting of the Medina Jersey Cattle club will be held in the Farm Bureau office at Medina, Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a. m.

The following program has been arranged by Pres. G. C. Chidsey and Sec. Grant Tillotson:

"Filled Milk and Oleo," Clark Dickerman; "Why I Keep Purebreds," A. G. Abbott; "Forward Look," Grant Chidsey; "T. B. Testing," R. H. Halderman; "Use of Dairy Products," Carol Damon; "Friendly Relations," E. W. Nettleton, Holstein breeder; "Medina County Fair," F. M. Plank.

The Jersey men will banquet at the Union House at 12:30. Jersey products will be featured on the menu.

Nine applicants for citizenship papers achieved their ambition last Saturday, when upon their final examination before Judge N. H. McClure and Naturalization Agent Fox, they were awarded their official documents. Nine others were rejected.

The nine who were accepted were as follows: James Chylik, Austrian; Hinckley, Frank Jakob, Hungarian; Medina; Frank Klimbo, Hungarian; Medina; Steve Horke, Hungarian; Medina; Paul Kontz, Hungarian; Medina; Edward Wilhelm Falk, Swedish; Lodi; Sam Garshman, Russian; Wadsworth; Morris Hassin, Russian; Spencer; Abraham Drietz, Russian; Wadsworth.

—The Friend divorce case filed in common pleas court last week has been withdrawn by plaintiff, Esther Friend, at her costs. The Bennett divorce case filed at the same time, is still on the docket.

LOAN COMPANY LEASES BLOCK

Believed to be First Move
Toward Erection of New
Structure

LEASE CALLS FOR
OCCUPANCY FEB. 1

One-Year Agreement Indicates
Predicted Plan for Early
Start on New
Quarters

The Citizens' Savings and Loan Company of Medina county, have leased the Harding building on West Liberty street, now occupied by the M. T. Wright book store, and will occupy it as a business office about Feb. 1, when Mr. Wright's lease expires.

That the new company was desirous of leasing this property has been known for some time, and was stated in the Sentinel exclusively two weeks ago. It was likewise stated that the company was seeking to lease the property with the privilege of buying it, in contemplation of erecting a new and commodious structure in place of the present frame building, as their permanent headquarters. At the time the Sentinel published its statement none of the officials would state definitely the purpose of the company, neither did they then or have they since made any denial of the facts as stated.

The present lease is for one year with the two-fold privilege of removal or purchase of the property. The promoters and officials of the company state that the success with which they are meeting in the disposition of shares in the organization is not only very gratifying, but has gone much beyond what they expected. This fact, taken with the now definitely known purpose of the company, makes it a practical certainty that another new business structure will adorn the village within the coming year, and on one of the best locations available in the business center.

Mr. Wright has not definitely decided upon a new location for his business as yet, but there is a possibility, we are informed, that he may remove to the Ulmer building on North Court street just north of the Hanshue garage.

MEAGER R. C. REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGING

With what success the annual Red Cross Roll Call now in progress is meeting can only be judged in a meager way by the few scattering reports that sift in from various parts of the county. These reports, however, indicate that the canvassers are working industriously and thoroughly, warranting the belief that when the campaign is over, Medina county will be found to have fully maintained her Red Cross standard.

County Chairman P. C. Bigelow expresses full confidence in the zeal of his workers, no less than in the cheerful generosity of those who are being approached for tangible assistance in promoting the great and noble work of the Red Cross.

NEW KIWANIS OFFICERS

The Kiwanis club held its annual election of officers last Friday night, with the following result: President, Park C. Bigelow; vice president, Harold Y. Ziegler; treasurer, D. C. Babcock; directors, L. F. Garver, R. H. Halderman, D. R. Pelton, Blake McDowell, Geo. M. Denton, Dallas Warner, W. J. Fenton.

Mr. Bigelow succeeds Huber H. Root as president, the latter having served since the organization of the club in 1919. The organization has prospered under the guidance of Mr. Root, who has served faithfully and well, and the Sentinel bespeaks a continuance of prosperity for this virile organization under the direction of Mr. Bigelow, whose election is a promotion from the vice presidency. S. H. Brainard continues as secretary.

FREE SERVICE FOR VETS

Dr. C. R. Wheelock, Wadsworth dentist, has been appointed dental examiner to furnish dental treatment to patients of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau in Medina county. Any former service man requiring dental treatment, the condition being the result of military service or aggravated by service, is entitled to this attention free, expense for which is born by the Government. It is the desire of the government to take care of the dental needs of all ex-service men where the condition is the result of military service.

TAKE EXAM FOR P. M.

Three applicants, O. H. Wertenberger, Mrs. Eulalia Kemery and Raymond Rice, took the civil service examination in Medina, last Saturday, for the position of postmaster at Leroy, to succeed W. W. Daniels whose term expires next month. The gradings of the applicants will be sent to the postoffice department, from which it is probable that one of the applicants, tho not necessarily the one with the highest standing, will be appointed to the position.